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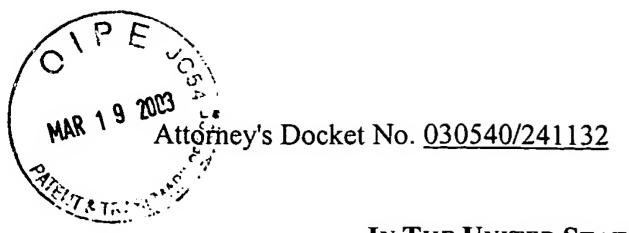
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Sir:

I, James C. Edwards, am an attorney of record of the disclaimant, MCNC, and am authorized to execute this disclaimer on behalf of MCNC. The disclaimant, MCNC, having a principal place of business at Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, is the owner of all right, title, and interest in the above-identified application, by Assignment filed 11/23/1999, and recorded at Reel 010416, Frame 0493.

The disclaimant hereby disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of United States Patent No. 6,359,374, issued Mar. 19, 2002, entitled *MINIATURE ELECTRICAL RELAYS USING A PIEZOELECTRIC THIN FILM AS AN ACTUATING ELEMENT*, which patent was assigned to the above-identified disclaimant by an Assignment recorded 11/23/1999, at Reel 010416, Frame 0493.

Disclaimant further agrees that any patent so granted on the above-identified application, which is the subject of this disclaimer, shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to U.S. Patent No. 6,359,374, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-identified application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors, or assigns.

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